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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0013 beginning on page 11, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Now referring to FIGURE 2, a flow chart of a method for formatting inventory 200 in accordance with the present invention is shown. The process starts in block 202 when the reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) receives a request for inventory data in block 204. Examples of typical inventory data for a hotel application are illustrated in FIGURES 6 through 26. The reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) retrieves the inventory data from database 104 (FIGURE 1) in block 206, and formats the inventory data to be displayed in a calendar section 302 (FIGURE 3), inventory information section 304 (FIGURE 3) and reservation information section 306 (FIGURE 3) within a single screen (referred to as a oneScreen) 300 (FIGURE 3) in block 208. The reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) sends a response containing the formatted inventory data to the requesting user in block 210. As illustrated below, the formatted inventory data may be implemented using FLASH, a HTML format or other graphical user interface format. The user may click on various aspects of the oneScreen 300 (FIGURE 3) to change and submit various inventory parameters, which further define the request for inventory data and is received by the reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) in block 212. If the received parameter is not an instruction to make a reservation, as determined in decision block 214 204, and the received parameter will not change the display, as determined in decision block 216, the process waits to receive another parameter in block 212 and the

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process repeats. If, however, the received parameter will change the display, as determined in decision block 216, the reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) will reformat the inventory data changed by the received parameter to be displayed in the single screen in block 218. The reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) sends the reformatted inventory data to the user in block 220, and the process waits to receive another parameter in block 212 and the process repeats. If, however, the received parameter is an instruction to make a reservation, as determined in decision block 214 204, the reservation server 102 (FIGURE 1) makes the reservation in block 222, sends a confirmation to the user in block 224 and ends in block 226. The typical methods for making the reservation are known by those skilled in the art.
